

TRIBUTE TO FRANK D. STELLA

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 28, 1999, a large group of people from a wide variety of walks of life will gather to spend some time with, and pay tribute to, a distinguished citizen of Michigan—Frank D. Stella. In many cases, those in attendance will be meeting one another for the first time. They may have little in common in terms of their occupations or their political affiliations and they will come from virtually all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

What they will have most in common is their friend, Frank Stella, the warmth of his friendship, and the depth of his humanity that each has witnessed over the years.

Frank Stella has been involved in a unique breadth of community activities, incessantly finding time from his highly successful entrepreneurship as Chairman and CEO of F.D. Stella Products, which he founded after his return from service in World War II. The following are just a sample of his activities over four decades: Board of Trustees at the University of Detroit-Mercy; Chairman, Merger Committee, Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital and Samaritan Hospital; Chairman, Wayne State University Advisory Board; Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, Michigan Cancer Foundation; Board of Directors, Hispanics Organized to Promote Entrepreneurs (H.O.P.E., Inc.); Board of Directors, Detroit Renaissance; Board of Directors, New Detroit, Inc.; Board of Trustees of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC; National Committee for the Vatican Judaica Exhibition; Chairman, Board of Directors and Executive Committee, Save Orchestra Hall, Inc.; Board of Directors, Michigan Opera Theatre; Board of Directors of the Detroit Round Table (Christians and Jews); Board of Trustees, WTVS/Channel 56—Detroit Public Television; and Member of the Board and Executive Committee, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall.

I have been particularly privileged to work with Frank Stella in an arena that embodies his love of life—music. He was instrumental in the efforts to save Orchestra Hall. That magnificent and historic amphitheater for the sound of music was threatened by a wrecker's ball. Frank Stella jumped into action with others and today its unique acoustics spread the joy of classical and other music, instead of being replaced by a proposed fast food establishment. He also has been instrumental in the development of the Michigan Opera Theater.

Frank Stella's life has been a testament to the American truth. Diversity is a source of strength. Pride in one's heritage empowers our nation, especially when it is blended with an appreciation for the heritage of all others.

On June 28, hundreds of friends will gather—in Frank Stella's style—with informality, no long speeches, no pretenses, some good food and exuberant cheer. Proceeds from the dinner will not go for fancy personal gifts but to help others, the next generation, through the F.D. Stella Scholarship Fund at the National Italian American Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today to enter these words into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It is so fitting they be placed in the

proceedings of this institution, which embodies Frank Stella's faith in American democracy and is built on the kind of political activity in which he has participated but which in the end can rise above all partisanship.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JAMES E. ROGAN

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Chairman, on rollcall No. 242, I was present, but inadvertently failed to be recorded as voting. I should have been recorded as an "aye" vote.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE
BARBARA BOUDREAUX**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Mr. DIXON and I, rise today to pay tribute to the Honorable Barbara M. Boudreaux, a dedicated public servant who is ending her service today as a member and Vice President of the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District. We are proud to join her many friends and colleagues today in honoring and celebrating her many years of exemplary service.

Barbara's remarkable record includes not only eight years as a member of the Board of Education, but more than thirty years of service as a highly respected career educator. During the span of her career she has been a teacher, a training teacher, a vice-principal, and a principal.

She also has served the district as a mentor for teachers, as a leader of the district's Academy for Administrators, and as an assessor of promotional examinations for principals. She was also an evaluator of textbooks, and assisted in development of the district's handbook on preventing and controlling anti-social behavior among our youth.

Barbara always understood that the health of our educational institutions is closely linked to the health of our communities. She has been, and continues to be, heavily involved in the life of our community.

In 1991, Barbara was elected to represent District 1, on the Board of Education. During her tenure, the Board was faced with some of its most difficult challenges. One of the most pressing of these were the problems of infrastructure and the need to modernize older facilities, and build new campuses in underserved communities.

Barbara realized that these barriers to learning had to be removed. Under her leadership, the Board placed a school bond initiative, Proposition BB, on the ballot which would address the district's infrastructure needs. More important, she reached out to the larger community and invested the hard work and persuasive power required to obtain the unprecedented two-thirds voter margin required for passage.

Armed with resources from the bond measure, the Board has set out to repair and renovate older schools, build new schools and reduce overcrowding. As a result of her tireless efforts, classrooms that were once too hot, have been retrofitted with air conditioners creating a more conducive learning environment for the school children.

Barbara understood, however, that more than cooling the classrooms would have to be done to help our children succeed. So she marshaled the needed funds that will ultimately put computers in all of our classrooms. And, when the district's under-achieving schools were identified, she made sure that there was a special intervention of resources and talent that has resulted in higher test scores.

As Barbara prepares to leave the Board of Education, she can take great satisfaction in knowing that she leaves the district in better shape than when she was first elected, and that the foundation for a successful future has been built.

Mr. Speaker, Barbara Boudreaux has made an important difference for our children in Los Angeles. We appreciate this opportunity to honor the exceptional legacy she leaves, and to salute her distinguished contributions to the Los Angeles community. We know our colleagues join us in wishing her and her husband Albert and their family a future that is full of good health and prosperity.

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TRIBUTE TO ANGELINE BONFORTE**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 26, the Saint Peter Society (San Pietro Apostolo) of Long Branch, NJ, will pay tribute to one of our leading citizens, Mrs. Angeline Bonforte. It is a great honor for me to join in recognition and raise of someone who has contributed so much to our community.

Angie Bonforte's motto is "never stop." Seeing all that she has accomplished, and continues to do, makes it clear that these are the words she lives by. The daughter of Dominick and Florence Pingitore, Angeline was born in Little Falls, NY. The family moved to Long Branch, and Angeline graduated from Long Branch Senior High School. She went on to earn a B.S. degree from Trenton State Teachers College, and then pursued a distinguished career as an elementary school teacher at Star of the Sea School in Long Branch for 25 years. In addition to being a teacher, she also became a real estate agent.

Angeline married Rocco Bonforte and they have two daughters, Mary Ann and Carol Lynn. Mr. Bonforte is also one of Long Branch's best known and most celebrated citizens, having served as Police Commissioner of our City. While steadfastly supporting her husband's political endeavors, Angeline Bonforte has been a leader in her own right. He served as President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Amerigo Vespucci Society, President of the Women's Democratic Club of Long Branch and the Women's Democratic Club of Monmouth County. She has also served as a Trustee of the Long Branch Public Library and has been associated with several civil and local clubs and activities.